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ON THE ROAD: New Vivaro vans lined up outside Vauxhall's Luton plant earlier this week as the official launch took place. The Luton-built vehicle will be exported all over Europe

'Spectacular' new Vauxhall Vivaro is launched

VAUXHALL officially launched the new generation Vivaro van at its Luton plant this week.

The vehicle, which will be built in the town for the next 10 years, will secure 1,200 jobs at the plant. Plans are also being put in place for a possible second shift which would create more than 300 extra jobs if sales go as well as expected.

The Vivaro launch was welcomed by Vauxhall's Chairman and Managing Director

Tim Tozer and Vince Cable, the Government's Business Secretary, who described it as "great news for British manufacturing".

Visitors to the plant this week also included General Motors President Dan Ammann who described the new Vivaro as "spectacular".

A special 'stunt driving' video of the Vivaro was also revealed this week by Vauxhall. See it online at luton-dunstable.co.uk.

Our six-page launch report starts on p22.

Council plan to keep dogs on their leads

BY CARL MUNGAZI
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PROPOSALS to stop dog owners from letting their pets off their leads have been questioned by a dog welfare organisation.

The Kennel Club said Central Bedfordshire Council's consultation on implementing dog orders was not the best way of promoting 'responsible dog ownership'.

Central Bedfordshire said it wanted to 'strike a balance' between the interests of residents with dogs and those affected by dog activities.

In Luton, the council said it was not considering introducing similar orders but it added that it would be 'watching the Central Bedfordshire consultation process with interest'.

Under the orders, owners would be required to put their dogs on a leash in certain areas and when they are asked to do so by enforcement officers. It also makes the failure to remove dog faeces an offence and it creates areas where dogs are not allowed to enter.

Central Bedfordshire's consultation was launched last week and will run until July 28.

Cllr Amanda Dodwell, from Central Beds, said the 'vast majority of dog owners are caring and considerate' but that the minority of irresponsible owners were having an 'enormous impact' on others.

She said: "One of the key areas we want to tackle is not cleaning up after your dog – not only is it very noticeable and unpleasant, it also has potential health implications. "And those using our countryside sites and footpaths have told us that dog fouling is one of the biggest problems for them."

She added: "We want to strike a balance between the interests of those in charge of dogs and those affected by the activities of dogs."

"Bearing in mind the need for people to have access to dog-free areas and the need for those in charge of dogs to have areas where they can exercise them."

Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club Secretary, said the club would

be responding to Central Beds' consultation with their views on the issue.

She added: "The minority of irresponsible owners are not likely to suddenly start picking up after their dog simply because it is on a lead, or being walked elsewhere."

"Furthermore, banning dogs from one area or restricting proper off lead exercise will simply displace the problems as dog owners will be forced to walk their pets in other areas."

"It also needs to be considered how local authorities will enforce such restrictions, and whether or not they have the funds and resources to do so when they may not even be necessary. The best way to promote responsible dog ownership is not to slap unnecessary restrictions on dog owners, but to engage with them."

"The Kennel Club has helped numerous local councils to hold community engagement days which are often a far cheaper and more effective preventative solution, and we are happy to do the same with Central Bedfordshire Council."

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Crimewatch appeal for missing murder suspect

BY CARL MUNGAZI
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OFFICERS are sifting through responses following a fresh witness appeal regarding a murder 13 years ago.

Bedfordshire Police made the appeal for information on a man wanted for the murder of Marcus Hall live on BBC1's Crimewatch Roadshow on Wednesday morning.

A £5,000 cash reward is being offered to anyone who can provide leads that result in the arrest of Adebayo Ekun, who is wanted for the murder of 18-year-old Marcus who was beaten and stabbed to death on March 21, 2001.

Seven men were convicted in 2002/3 for the part they played in his murder but Ekun, now aged 37, has so far eluded arrest.

DI Tim Redfearn made the appeal alongside Marcus's mother Icelyn Wilson.

Adebayo Ekun was originally named as wanted on the BBC's Crimewatch UK in June 2001.

DI Redfearn said: "We have never stopped looking for Adebayo Ekun and four years ago we had good information that he was in Ghana."

"Every effort was made with the help of our colleagues abroad to find him but he eluded arrest and



WANTED: Suspect Adebayo Ekun

we lost track of him.

"This time, we hope that the offer of the cash reward will prompt those who know him or know where he is to come forward."

"I have no doubt he will have spent the last 13 years looking over his shoulder waiting for us to catch up with him."

"He may look quite different compared to the pictures we have of him that are 15-years old and he has also used a number of aliases over the years, the main one being James Dalvin."

"But we know he has family connections in Luton, London and the West Midlands so I am appealing for them to do the right thing and tell us where he is."

"The £5,000 is payable on his arrest, we do not have to wait for



MURDERED: Teenager Marcus Hall

him to be convicted to pay this reward.

"We have the full support of the Crown Prosecution Service and can proceed to court the moment he is in custody."

"For the sake of Marcus Hall and his family, please do the right thing and tell us where Adebayo Ekun is now."

Ekun is known to use various names in various combinations and several different dates of birth.

Anyone with information about Ekun should contact 01480 422791, the non-emergency 101 number, or text information to 07786 200011.

Alternatively, you can contact independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

newsbriefs

CRACKDOWN ON NUISANCE CARS

BEDFORDSHIRE Police issued notices for cannabis possession and seized several vehicles in Houghton Regis during a crackdown on nuisance motorists. Last weekend officers closed Foster Avenue on the Woodside Industrial Estate in their latest effort to stop nuisance motorists from disturbing residents. Among other things, they issued a penalty notices for cannabis possession and traffic offences, as well as seizing three vehicles.

CONSULTATION OVER £33M CUTS

LUTON council has launched a consultation asking residents which services they think should be cut. Over the next two years the authority says it has to shed £33million from its budget on top of cuts of £72million it's already made. Throughout the summer officers and councillors will attend community festivals to encourage residents to answer the survey.

DISTRACTION THEFTS ON THE RISE

OFFICERS are warning about a common theft method which is being used against shoppers. Over the last few months shoppers have had items such as phones stolen whilst sitting in coffee shops or pubs. They have been sitting down with their phones when thieves have approached them asking for directions or offering leaflets. They then use the paper to cover the phone and steal it. Anyone with details on this crime can call the police on 101.

Director of content Steve Lowe leaves us after 16 years

STEVE Lowe has left the building.

The director of content, for the local division of Local World, enjoyed his last day on Friday.

Steve (pictured right) joined the business in 1998 and has held numerous positions here.

He began as a reporter at LSN before becoming political correspondent, news editor, group editor and group editor in chief in 2004.

In his time he has been editor of both Bedfordshire on Sunday and Luton on Sunday. He became group editor in chief of Staffordshire Newspapers in 2009 and took up the role of director

of content in December 2013.

He won many awards in his career with LSN, including Scoop of the Year in 2001 for the story of bodies being dumped in the chapel of rest of Bedford Hospital.

The story led to the Prime Minister of the day, Tony Blair, calling a special meeting to discuss the fallout.

He also exposed how Government money was being wasted on attempts to regenerate Marsh Farm.

Richard Duxbury, MD of Local World, Central and East, said: "Steve has always led by example and has been a fantastic member of the team within

the liffe and then Local World business.

"He goes with our best wishes and an enormous thank you for all his hard work over the last 16 years."

Steve said: "It has been a fantastic 16 years and I have enjoyed - almost - every minute. I leave a lot of memories, a lot of friends and a few enemies. I won't be entirely disappearing, however, and will still be writing. There are a few unfinished stories I may be revisiting."

■ Read Steve's column 'Behind with work. Have more cash...' on page 12



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Join the wind charmers for special day on downs

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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RESIDENTS in Dunstable are being called upon to take part in this year's 'Wind Charming' day on August 31.

Last year more than 2,000 people took part in the event, which was part of a project by Liverpool artist Laurence Payot and the Bedford Creative Arts (BCA) charity.

It was created after Dunstable residents were asked what they felt was most significant about the town, and the majority of people mentioned the wind on Dunstable Downs.

Dawn Giles, the chief executive of BCA, said last year's event was the first step in creating a piece of 'folklore' about the Downs.

She said: "Last year we worked with the National Trust at the Dunstable Downs to commission an artist to create an event that would engage people and get them to celebrate Dunstable and their area."

"From that we had our first wind charming event and it was about people coming together to create this folklore and story."

"The way we did it was to have

Charmers in action last year on Dunstable Downs



people go into places such as schools and retirement homes so there were a lot of activities that lit up the event."

Residents who took part last year wore various costumes with silver fabric attached to represent the wind.

This time round Laurence Payot will again lead the project but she will be joined by mental health charity MIND who are designing kites.

Ms Giles added: "We had over 2,000 people taking part last year and that

is something special that we did not want to lose."

"We also had gale force winds last year so maybe we were a bit too successful in charming the wind!"

If you are interested in taking part on the day you can sign up by emailing info@bedfordcreativearts.org.uk.

You can also sign up at the upcoming Party in the Park (July 19) and Kite Festival (July 26 and 27) events in Dunstable.

Entries open for Star Walk event

KEECH Hospice is now accepting entries for its annual ladies only Star Walk being held in September.

The annual event is a 10-mile fund-raising walk held at midnight and walkers are asked to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100.

Last year Eastenders actor Max Branning threw his weight behind the event.

This year the charity walk has been endorsed by Harry Judd from pop band McFly.

He said: "I have seen first hand the amazing work Keech does. I really hope

hundreds of ladies turn out for this very special night which will make such a difference to local families."

Martina Haugh, Keech events fund-raiser, said: "We are really excited about this year's Star Walk and are hoping that more women than ever sign up to take part in this great fundraising walk. This year we have a disco theme so we are encouraging women to clap their hands, march their feet and raise those pounds for Keech."

Entry is only £15 and you can enter by calling 01582 707940 or sending an email to events@keech.org.uk.



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Warm weather thefts alert

MOTORISTS are being warned not to leave valuables in their cars after police recorded over 100 incidents of theft from vehicles over the last month.

As the temperature has increased, drivers in Luton have been leaving their car windows open in the heat giving thieves the opportunity to target vehicles which are parked in the street or

on driveways.

A variety of items left on view by owners including cash, sat navs, car stereo systems, tools, clothing and personal documentation have been taken.

Bedfordshire Police said it wanted to remind all drivers within the town to remain extra vigilant and to ensure they remove all valuable items from their vehicles.

Police Inspector Graham Bates said: "Officers will continue to crackdown on offenders who are known to be involved in vehicle crime. "But motorists can also help by making sure they remove all their property from their vehicles whenever they park up – day or night – and make sure you do not leave your car insecure at any time."

Mum's anger after baby visit refused

BY KATHRYN CAIN

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A MOTHER has voiced concern after hospital bosses stopped a doctor from treating her baby son because he is normally seen elsewhere.

Julia Savage, 34, usually takes three-month-old son Freddie, who was born with club feet, to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital every Wednesday to have his legs put in plaster casts to re-align his feet and ankles into the correct position.

However, once in every seven weeks, their senior orthopaedic surgeon, Dr Philip Edge, has to be at Bedford Hospital on a Wednesday, where he normally works, as he is on call. As a result, he allows any patients from the Luton and Dunstable Hospital, such as Freddie, to be treated at Bedford so he is able to continue their weekly treatment.

Last week however, when Julia turned up with Freddie at Bedford Hospital to see Dr Edge, they were told he was no longer allowed to see any more Luton patients while working at Bedford.

Julia, who lives in Harlington with husband Oliver, 33, and their other son Bobby, 3, said: "There wasn't a surgery at the L&D for two weeks and the cast needed to



UPSET: Julia Savage with three-month-old son Freddie

be removed before then. It would have been dangerous for Freddie to have to keep the casts on for three weeks at this age and with his condition."

The mum of two said as a result, Dr Edge came to visit them specifically at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital the next day.

She added: "He went out of his way to see us, above and beyond what most doctors would do."

Paul Tisi, associate medical

director for surgery at Bedford Hospital, said: "Had the surgical management team been informed that the parents had arrived, an exception would have been made for the child to be seen and treated on that day."

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Police launch hunt for stolen Nissan car

POLICE are investigating after a Nissan Qashqai worth £11,000 was stolen. The navy blue vehicle was taken between 5.30am and 7.30am on Monday in Sandalwood Close, Limbury. The female victim said the car was taken after her husband had left for work and before she woke up. She said it had contained her daughter's buggy, worth £1,000, as well as other items. Bedfordshire Police said any witnesses should contact the force on 101.

Plans to build 52 flats in High Town

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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PLANS to build 52 flats are set to be discussed by councillors during a meeting this week.

The proposals, which have been submitted by Luton-based Herdecke Properties, will see the housing built on the junction of Dudley Street and North Street in High Town.

The 52 flats will include 46 one-bedroom flats and six two-bedroom, as well as a

common area, cycle storage and parking for eight cars.

According to a council document which will be presented to councillors during the meeting on Wednesday evening, planning permission was granted at the site for a similar development in 2007 but this has expired.

The site is currently being used for the storage, display and sale of motor vehicles. It is hoped a number of the flats will be earmarked as affordable housing.

The development is offering to make 15 per cent of the flats affordable housing but the council's housing department has recommended that the number should be 20 per cent.

Council officers have also recommended that councillors approve the plans on the condition that the developers make a contribution to the local area's education provision as there is increasing pressure on primary school and secondary school places across the town.

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'Hit and run' incident is linked to shooting

BY STEFAN BARTLETT
editor@lutononsunday.co.uk

FOOTAGE of the moment a car deliberately struck a pedestrian in a 'hit and run' collision two weeks ago has been released in an attempt to identify the driver.

The incident, which happened in Radnor Road at 11pm on June 12, is being investigated along with another previously thought unconnected incident on May 25 in which a man was shot in the back with pellets.

Both incidents are now being treated as attempted murder and detectives are potentially linking them based on information that has come to light following earlier public appeals.

DCI Jason Gordon, who is leading both investigations, said the Beds, Herts and Cambs Major Crime Unit is working on the basis that the assailants involved are from the same group.

He said: "The victims in both these incidents are lucky to be alive.

"They both narrowly escaped very serious injury and it is clear the offenders on both occasions meant to



The victim amazingly survived being hit by a car earlier this month. Visit www.luton-dunstable.co.uk to see CCTV film of the collision

cause serious harm.

"We are re-appealing for the public's help as the CCTV could potentially unlock these investigations.

"There are clear links between the two incidents, even though they happened two weeks apart.

"There will be people living in the community who know who is responsible.

"Now they are being treated as attempted murder will I hope make people realise this

is serious and come forward."

The incident in Radnor Road happened when a 24-year-old pedestrian was hit by a car which carried him towards St Dominic's Square. The car, thought to be a Seat Leon, did not stop.

The shooting on May 25 happened in Addington Way at approximately 1.30am. The victim, aged 18 was walking with friends when two masked people appeared and shot him in the back.

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Lowe doesn't go far enough

SIR – In his column last week Steve Lowe makes a case against faith schools. But he didn't go anywhere near far enough.

Whatever their professed intentions one serious problem with faith schools is that they help maintain and strengthen divisions between cultures. They are a disastrous, anti-social idea and must be abolished. I cannot think of a more effective way of ensuring that children reach adulthood believing that their religion is the only true one and that all the others are plain wrong.

Faith schools were designed by religious organisations specifically to preserve and promote their own version of truth and morality. What chance does a child have of ever being able to view the world in a balanced, objective way if it's been conditioned for sixteen years to accept as fact a very specific set of beliefs?

Being practical, it is not realistic to stop parents passing on their beliefs to their progeny but it is within the powers of government to deny the kudos derived by having them taught at the state's expense.

It must be plain to anyone that the vast majority of conflicts in the world from Northern Ireland to Afghanistan have their roots in the prejudices and misunderstandings created around religions.

Young people should be taught ABOUT religion as part of philosophy, morality, mythology or sociology. But they should be shown respect by being allowed to come to their own conclusions when they reach the

'Selfish actions' of drivers

SIR – I had cause to use the 'drop-off point' at the L&D hospital recently, as I was collecting a friend after a stay in a ward.

I was amazed to see a number of cars parked in the drop off area, and a taxi without its driver under the canopy by the pedestrian entrance!

A contract van was attempting to reverse out of the entrance to the accident unit – the same route used by the incoming A&E ambulances.

A security officer/car park attendant was making unsuccessful attempts to clear the area, but the drivers ignored him. The hospital must make strenuous efforts to keep the users of this area to its original purpose, that of a drop-off zone. The selfish actions of a few drivers are placing the recovery of incoming patients at risk by restricting the route for the ambulances, and private vehicles. Their

actions are an anti-social attempt to avoid parking charges.

My friend was not initially at the drop-off zones and I left the zone and drove around until he was ready. I suggest the other drivers follow this example. Otherwise, one day an ambulance bringing in one of their relatives may be delayed – past the point when it is too late for their admission.

James Henry
Sent by email

age of majority.

Perhaps the same goes for British values: teach them about history, different cultures and about the various forms of government and let them draw their own conclusions about which systems work best.

You never know, in the absence of any pre-conditioning they may come up with a fairer economic system and a better form of politics. The world is in urgent need of both right now.

Ron Turvey
Stanmore Crescent, Luton

People are too lazy to walk

SIR – Tax on fizzy drinks is unfair. The car is just as much to blame for unhealthy lifestyles. People don't walk anywhere these days. They use their cars to go to the takeaway. We are all just too lazy. The car was designed as a mode of transport. Not an invalid carriage. People have got to take responsibility for their own lives.

Tax isn't the answer.
John Tucker
Bracklesham Gardens, Luton

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SIR – I write to remind everyone to donate any unwanted household items to British Heart Foundation (BHF) Furniture & Electrical stores.

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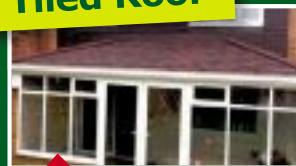
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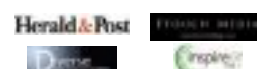
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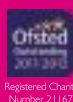
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steve lowe

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MANY years ago our then Labour leader on the county council, John Tizard, announced he was leaving the Socialist Republic of Bedfordshire to go and work for Capita. We were stunned, a bit like an anti-nuclear protester saying he had taken a job on a Trident submarine. At that time Capita was seen as a company being used as a sort of Praetorian Guard, to infiltrate and break open the state sector to private interests.

We were worried that the price would go up, the quality down and the accountability disappear. We were naive in those days. I was reminded of this when reading this week that the changes to benefits for sick and disabled people has led to a 'fiasco'. MPs were saying this so it ought to contain its own Government health warning but it was interesting to see some of their criticism was aimed at two private contractors who are assessing the sick and disabled, Atos and Capita.

They each had backlogs in assessing people and, according to a memo, Capita's backlog should be cleared by the end of November, thanks to an additional £27 million given to them by the Government.

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Am I alone in being astonished by this statement? A private company gets behind with the work and so has a shed load more cash thrown at it, in order to catch up.

That's not how capitalism works as I remember it. And this is the big problem when private companies get contracts in the state sector. As I am sure any neo-con will tell you, the control to ensure best prices and high quality is competition.

But with so many private companies in the state sector the control of competition does not really exist. Sure they have to tender for it but I am assuming Capita did tender. Have the numbers dramatically changed, in that the Government was unaware how many sick and disabled people it was paying benefit to? I hope not.

And where is the scrutiny, where the company can just ask for more money and it is given. It, as well as Atos, misjudged the amount of time it

would need to assess the sick and disabled. And to make matters worse, some of these do not receive any money until they have been assessed.

Usually in private business, the answer to I've got my price wrong is: tough. Not with this Government.

I AM sad to hear Australian slang is in decline. The new, middle class Aussies feel slang has a face like a dropped pie. Those that use it find themselves like a shag on a rock, with the feeling that it is as needed as a third armpit. My opinion of Australians has been up and down like a dunny seat but I went off like a frog in a sock when I heard that slang is only for drongos. I hope that in Woop Woop it is still fit as a Mallee bull. So get some neck oil down and wish those suburban Tuckers that their chooks turn into emus and kick their dunny doors down.



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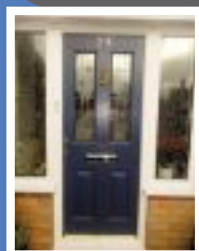
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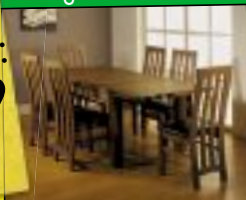
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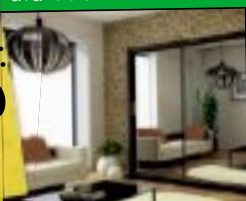
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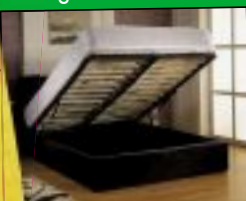
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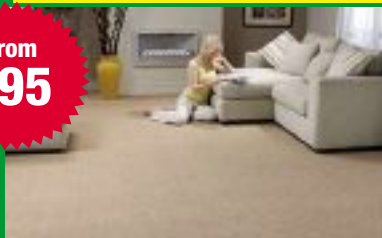
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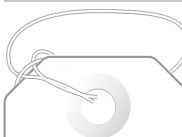
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Thousands reply to gypsy survey

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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MORE than 4,000 people – including around 2,800 from Barton-le-Clay – have responded to a council's consultation on plans for gypsy and traveller sites.

The responses, to Central Bedfordshire Council's gypsy and traveller local plan, have been submitted to the Secretary of State this week for a public inquiry expected this autumn.

The most recent consultation ran from February 17 until March 31 and received more than 1,556 responses, plus a petition against a site in Barton-le-Clay containing approximately 2,800 signatures.

Central Bedfordshire said the feedback from locals had been 'valuable'.

All of the responses, along with those received in previous formal consultations, will now be considered by an independent planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to determine whether the plan is 'sound' and legally compliant.

After the examination



RESPONSE: Campaigners managed to find 2,800 people to support their opposition to gypsy sites being created in Barton-le-Clay

hearings, the inspector will issue a report setting out their conclusions, identifying whether the plan is 'sound' or needs any changes.

If the plan is considered to be 'sound', the council will be asked to adopt the gypsy and traveller local plan.

Councillor Nigel Young said: "The sheer volume of responses proves what we already knew – that this is a challenging topic and causes a lot of debate for both the

settled and traveller communities.

"Debate or not though, we have a legal duty to provide appropriate accommodation and this is what the plan sets out to do.

"The feedback from the local community has been really valuable and has influenced the process so now we've given everything to the Secretary of State and will await a decision later in the year."

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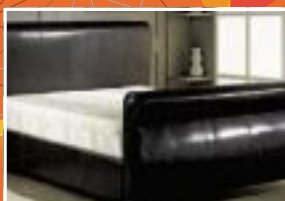
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Uni caught up in government probe

BY KATHRYN CAIN

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THE University of Bedfordshire has been banned from sponsoring foreign students after the Home Office announced it was under investigation over possible visa fraud.

During an emergency statement made in the House of Commons on Tuesday afternoon by Home Office Minister, James Brokenshire, it was revealed the University of Bedfordshire, which has campuses in Bedford and Luton, and the University of West London would be investigated over national allegations of abuse of the student visa system.

Speaking in the Commons, Mr Brokenshire said: "We have told two universities, the University of Bedfordshire and University of West London, that they are no longer allowed to sponsor new students pending further investigations which will decide whether they too should be suspended."

A spokesman for the University of Bedfordshire said: "The university's licence to recruit has not



been suspended.

"Our issuing of 'Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies' letters is currently paused, pending a full audit which we had been expecting and which will take place shortly. I am confident we will, through that process, demonstrate the robustness of our procedures."

"We are not one of the group of universities with London sub-campuses that are to be subject to Quality Assurance Agency investigation and examination, which may lead to further action against those universities."

"We continue to co-operate pro-actively with UK Visas

and Immigration, as we have a shared desire to counter any criminal attack on the immigration system."

An inquiry carried out by the Government has found that an estimated 48,000 immigrants may have fraudulently obtained English language certificates, despite being unable to speak English, by having someone else sit their entrance test.

Mr Brokenshire told the House of Commons that the inquiry into the widespread abuse of the student visa system had found evidence of criminal activity, which would now be investigated fully.

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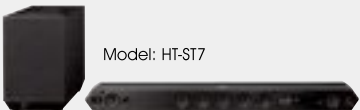


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A GROUP of travellers who set up camp on a park this week were evicted less than 48 hours after they arrived.

Around 16 caravans appeared at around 10am on Thursday morning at Pope's Meadow in Old Bedford Road. Luton council began legal proceedings against the travellers and they were joined by Bedfordshire Police.

The force were able to use their legal powers to have the illegal encampment removed from the park by midday on Friday.

Attack victim, 19, is stripped naked

BY CARL MUNGASI

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THREE people have been arrested after a man was stripped naked and left needing 20 stitches.

The attack happened last week but police have only just released details of the incident.

The 19-year-old victim was attacked at around 11pm on June 17 as he made his way home following an altercation with his ex-partner.

As he walked along

Copperfield Close, in Houghton Regis, he was approached by three men who assaulted him before stripping him naked and leaving him in the road.

The teenager called the emergency services and was taken to hospital where he required 20 stitches to his mouth – ten inside and ten on the outside.

He also lost a number of teeth during the attack.

PC Lavern Charles, who is investigating the incident, is keen to speak with anyone

who was in the area at the time of the assault and may have seen the assailants or assault taking place.

The first attacker has been described as a black male, in his early 20s, 5ft 8ins tall and of stocky build.

The two other men were both white and in their mid-20s.

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BBC moving to new studios in Dunstable

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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The BBC's Three Counties Radio station is to move from its headquarters in Luton to Dunstable in early 2015, the corporation has announced this week.

The new studio and offices will be in the Grove Park complex in Dunstable after spending nearly 30 years in Luton.

It will have an open-plan layout that the BBC says will give the audience 'greater access to the station'.

Laura Moss, managing editor of Three Counties Radio, said: "BBC Local Radio is the front door of the BBC across the country. Being at the heart of local communities is extremely important."

"The new building for BBC Three Counties Radio is an exciting opportunity in the centre of our transmission area, making the day-to-day operation more visible and bringing us even closer to audiences."

"The plans for BBC Three Counties Radio are at the cutting edge of news-gathering and broadcasting technology and it will enable us to



Central Bedfordshire Council have given the BBC permission to fit the new studios at offices at Grove Park, Dunstable early next year

continue to bring our audiences the quality journalism that they expect, while delivering best value to licence fee payers."

Councillor Nigel Young, from Central Bedfordshire Council, said: "This is fantastic news for Dunstable."

"The Grove area is really flourishing as a cultural centre for the town – an area which is thriving and growing."

"Dunstable of course has a

rich cultural history and this news is recognition that Dunstable is a town looking to the future.

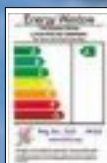
"We're pleased to have been part of the team that made it possible and look forward to welcoming BBC staff to Dunstable."

Planning permission to develop and fit the new studio and offices at the Grove Park site has been granted by Central Bedfordshire Council.

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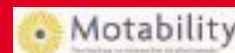
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VAUXHALL VIVARO LAUNCH

All-new Luton-built

BY STEFAN BARTLETT
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LUTON'S new Vivaro van was officially launched this week at the town's Vauxhall plant.

The new generation van will be built here for the next decade, securing the plant, the jobs of 1,200 people who work there and many more at companies supplying parts and services. UK suppliers will benefit from £600 million worth of business over the life of the new Vivaro as they deliver 40 per cent of the parts for the vehicle.

The new Vivaro is also a massive vote of confidence for the Luton management, unions and workers who joined forces to secure the 10-year contract.

Vauxhall Luton is now the only light commercial vehicle manufacturing plant in the UK. And more than half the vehicles built here will be exported – to 27 European markets.

There could also be new jobs in Luton as Vauxhall looks to move the plant onto two shifts as production of the new Vivaro gets into full swing. Around 300 new posts would be created if all goes to plan.

Nearly a million vans have

been built at Luton since 2001, including 44,000 last year.

Tim Tozer, Vauxhall's Chairman and Managing Director, said: "The all-new Vivaro van is of critical importance to Vauxhall and its manufacturing facility in Luton."

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The launch of the new Vivaro has also been welcomed by the Government's Business Secretary Vince Cable.

"The launch of the new Vivaro is great news for British manufacturing. The plant at Luton, which has made such an important contribution to the local and national economy, has got a bright future thanks to the commitment of its workforce and ability to compete against the best in Europe."

Turn to p24 to read our driving impressions of the Vivaro.



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VAUXHALL VIVARO LAUNCH

It's the van that feels

BY STEFAN BARTLETT
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CLIMB into the cab of one of the shiny new Vivaro vans lined up outside Luton's Vauxhall plant and you could be fooled into thinking you'd jumped into a car.

And that impression is only reinforced when you turn the key on one of the all-new diesel engines which can achieve 47mpg. There's no rattle or clatter, just a quiet ticking in the background as you search for the right station on the radio

and settle back in the very comfy and car-like seat which even has lumbar support adjustment.

The cabin also doubles as a 'mobile office' with plenty of storage and cubby holes, space to install a notebook and a clever mechanism which allows the front seat to fold into a desk.

Pull away and it's not just the interior that feels like a car. It is also remarkably car-like to drive.

The gearbox is slick and precise, power delivery smooth with plenty enough power on tap to keep up with the cut and thrust of town traffic or cruise on the motorway.

Our test drive route takes us out of Luton and a first stop in Milton Keynes at the home of MKP which makes 12 parts for the new Vivaro including cross members and bulkhead panels.

Threading the van through country B-roads is a fuss-free affair until we reach the home of another supplier of parts for the Vivaro – Magna Seating at Dunstable.

The company employs 53 people and mirroring the shift patterns with the Luton van plant, Magna makes single front seats, double front seats, and rear seats for the new Vivaro.

On average Magna makes more than 118,000 seats every year or 506 per day for the Vivaro which has been designed by Vauxhall's Luton-born design boss Malcolm Ward.

He said: "After 13 successful years on the market we wanted to make the all-new Vivaro's packaging even more attractive while raising the standard of its core capabilities."

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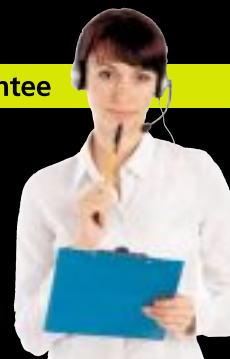
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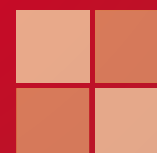
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VAUXHALL VIVARO LAUNCH

Vivaro 'spectacular'

BY STEFAN BARTLETT
editor@lutononsunday.co.uk

GENERAL Motors President Dan Ammann described the new Luton-built Vivaro as 'spectacular' during a visit to the plant this week.

Mr Ammann arrived during the official launch for the new van which he described as "one piece of the ongoing success and building on the success of Vauxhall here in the UK which is an important part of our overall European strategy for the company".

Mr Ammann, who was named President of General Motors in January, said: "We feel better than we have for many years about the trajectory of the business in Europe and Vauxhall plays a critical part in that. And Vivaro is an example of where the investment dollars are going. Re-investing in the product, re-investing in the business and setting ourselves up for a pretty strong several years of performance."

"Securing production of the Vivaro was obviously hugely important for Luton and the local economy. This being the spiritual home of Vauxhall it is a

very important statement for us that we are committed to the UK market, committed to the brand and committed to the business here.

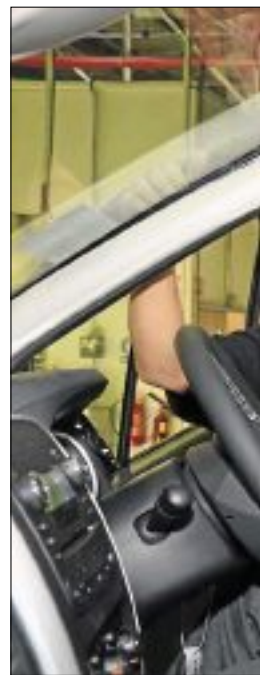
"Our European business has been seriously challenged for a long time and we have been making decisions over the last three or four years about how to get it set up to be successful for the long term."

"This is an example of one of the decisions and one we felt was fundamentally the right thing to do for the business, for the local business, for the brand and also made on the basis of a competitive cost structure and doing the right thing for the business."

"We have been significantly under represented in the commercial vehicle market in Europe and this is an important step in changing that."

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Mr Ammann was shown the new Vivaro at the plant. He was also due to make an appearance at the Goodwood Festival of Speed this weekend driving a new Vauxhall VXR8 sports car.



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IN THE DRIVING SEAT: GM President Dan Ammann tries the new Vivaro during his visit to Vauxhall's Luton plant this week

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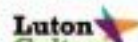
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Work together to drive out the drugs criminals

DEPUTY Police and Crime Commissioner Tafheen Sharif recently organised a second Drug Action Day in the Biscot area of Luton, bringing together the police, the council, Inspire FM and drug treatment agencies.

The aim of the exercise was to spread several vital messages about drugs.

Dealing, even so-called 'soft' drugs, wrecks lives, is linked to serious organised crime and, far from being an easy way to get rich, inevitably destroys the long-term career prospects of those involved.

Working together, police and local communities can make our neighbourhoods hostile environments for dealers.

The Police often piece together an intelligence jigsaw before swooping on multiple dealers, rather than tackling individual dealers in isolation – which may sometimes create the impression that the police are not acting



Police and Crime Commissioner Olly Martins on why police and communities working together is the best way to tackle drug crime

in response to reports from the community, but appearances can be deceptive.

Families also have a responsibility to their communities to challenge inexplicable signs of affluence, for example, 'where did the money for that flashy new car come from?', rather than turning a blind eye.

Nor do the 'Mr Bigs' escape the attentions of the forces of law and order.

Indeed the six police forces across East Anglia co-operate in an organisation called ERSOU (Eastern Region Special Operations Unit).

One of ERSOU's recent success stories was to break up a gang involving a big-time Bedfordshire criminal.

Not only did gang members receive long custodial sentences but they also had hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of assets seized, including homes in the UK, Spain and Florida, jewellery, cars and cash.

But the police cannot fight crime alone.

To maximise success they need strong partnerships with other agencies who also have powers that can be used against criminals, and most importantly with the public.

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ONCE upon a time there was a bunch of 'book geeks'. Or, if you prefer, a group of like-minded souls who came together through their love of reading.

They set up a book group for children in Bedford which, initially, took place every other month. The kids enjoyed it so much the grown-ups decided to run it more frequently.

Co-founder, Rachael Rogan, says: "We started off with two sessions, one for five to eight year olds and the other for older children. Now we also have a toddler group. We sit with the younger ones and read a whole book then ask them questions about it. With the older ones, we have a more involved discussion. It's all about bringing books to life."

It wasn't long before someone said: "Wouldn't it be great to have a book festival for kids?" Suddenly, everyone was asking for it.

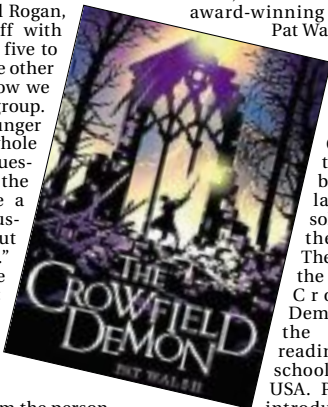
"It turned out that I'm the person who's stupid enough to organise it" says Rachael. "My immediate reaction was 'Crikey! How do you go about that?'"

A really good relationship with

Waterstones in Bedford town centre is one way. Posting details on Facebook and Twitter helps too.

Next week, June 30-July 4, is national Children's Book Week. So it seemed wholly appropriate to plan the very first Booktastic children's book festival to coincide with that and all profits from the day are earmarked – or should that be bookmarked – for the National Literacy Trust.

Whatever Rachael's reservations about organising the day were, the programme has come together nicely. There are cookery, gardening, craft and illustration workshops, book signings and author readings from writers including Kevin Price, Steve Cole and local award-winning novelist, Pat Walsh.



Pat's first two fantasy thrillers in the Crowfield trilogy have been translated and sold all over the world. The second in the series, The Crowfield Demon, is on the official reading list of schools in the USA. Pat will be introducing her book, that features

latest one of the most endearing – if weird – little characters from the Crowfield stories, in her author session on Saturday at 1pm.



Rachael says: "We'd love to see as many people as possible and we want it to be something that everybody can do. We are very, very lucky that local companies have been so supportive without wanting anything in return. They're just supporting it because it's a great idea."

Admission is £3 per child, adults

go free. Or there's a family ticket, at £8, to admit one adult and up to three kids.

Tickets are available from Waterstones, Bedford and it's recommended that you book in advance for author readings, £1 per session. Go to: bedfordshire-news.co.uk for more details and the full programme of Booktastic events.

Youngsters build a carnival legacy through music

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First Time Live

UK Centre for Carnival Arts

July 17

THE 'First Time Live' music project makes a return to Luton next month following its visit last year.

Last year, young musicians shared the stage with accomplished orchestra professionals and groups.

Since February this year, groups of young people involved in whole class ensemble tuition at 19 primary schools across the town have been working with composer John K Miles and tutors from Luton Music Service to explore creative ideas on the theme of carnival.

Through a series of workshops they have collectively composed a brand new song and instrumental piece, which John has now orchestrated.

Up to 570 of the young participants will join City of London Sinfonia, one of the country's leading professional orchestras, to perform their new piece in two concerts, which will also include some orchestral repertoire played by City of London Sinfonia.

Students from Luton Sixth Form College will be helping to manage this final part of the project.

Both concerts will be live streamed to all primary schools, so that more young people and their families can share the experience and join in with the new song.

Afterwards, it is hoped the carnival piece will become a lasting legacy for use by schools across the country through the Charanga online learning resource.

The concerts will be held in the morning and afternoon at the UK Centre for Carnival Arts.

This project is being achieved through a partnership between Orchestras Live, City of London Sinfonia, Luton Music Service, The MIX (Luton Music Education Hub), UK Centre for Carnival Arts, and many more.

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Two LA brothers touring the world, Bots all the fuss about

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THE BOTS

Esquires, Bedford
Saturday, July 5

THE Bots have a lot going for them.

A quick scroll through the brothers' tour photos paints a life of hedonistic gigging, skateboarding, pulling off ridiculous clothes and posing with Pharrell.

Three albums deep into their careers the pair are still only, though I can't verify this exactly and have had to do a bit of maths and guesswork based on previous interviews, about 21 and 17-ish.

Playing energetic, raw garage-punk, the siblings manage to pound out tunes that sound like far more than the sum of their parts which is mostly just drums, a guitar and vocals while also tuning into the American blues and ballad tradition.

Growing up in Los Angeles Anaiah and Mikiaiah Lei seem to have already toured the world's biggest festivals from Glastonbury, to Primavera in Barcelona and Coachella back in their home state.

But this Saturday you can live vicariously through those brothers, instead of thinking back on your average teenage years not spent touring the world in a band, when they come to play at Esquires.

Looking down their tour list Bedford seems like an unusual anomaly amongst places like Knebworth, Tokyo, Copenhagen



SOUL BROTHERS, AND ACTUAL BROTHERS: The Bots are set to play a show at Bedford's Esquires

and Amsterdam so it would seem silly not to catch them. Tickets cost £8 in advance from ticketweb.co.uk. Alternatively they are available on the door for £10 while the show is for those aged 16 or over.

The Bots' EP, Sincerely Sorry, is available now while a new LP is coming soon.

BUT that's not all Esquires has up its sleeve because a month of tribute acts beckons.

On July 6 it's The Beatles, July 13 Pink Floyd, July 20 Rolling Stones and then on July 27 local bands will be covering lots of classic 80s songs.

All the events start at 5pm and are free.

Wardown Museum hosts an afternoon of African music and drumming

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Wardown Park Museum
Next Saturday, 2-4pm

NEXT Sunday Wardown Park Museum will come alive with the sound of African music.

Starting at 2pm, the event will feature Zimbabwean duo Mashasha and Sam, followed by the Luton-based Osagyefo Theatre Company.

Mashasha (on bass) and Sam (on drums) are a musical pair who started working together many years ago in their native home of Zimbabwe.

They were popular session musicians and collaborated with many artists around the country, and were also core members of the afro-jazz group Too Open.

Both musicians then moved to the UK and have since reunited to form an African bass and drum duo.

They perform mainly in London and their sound is a fusion of traditional roots and jazz.

The Osagyefo Theatre Company is an African arts-in-education and non-profit making organisation that puts on workshops, seminars, lectures and performances.

It focuses mainly on African Culture, Religion, History, Art and Crafts, Cookery, Drama, Storytelling, Music and Dance.

The company was established in 1992 and registered as a charity in 1996 by brothers Martin and Alfons Hanson. In the group there are professional and experienced artists and teachers with over 30 years working in all educational levels and the arts/cultural industry, both in Ghana and Europe.

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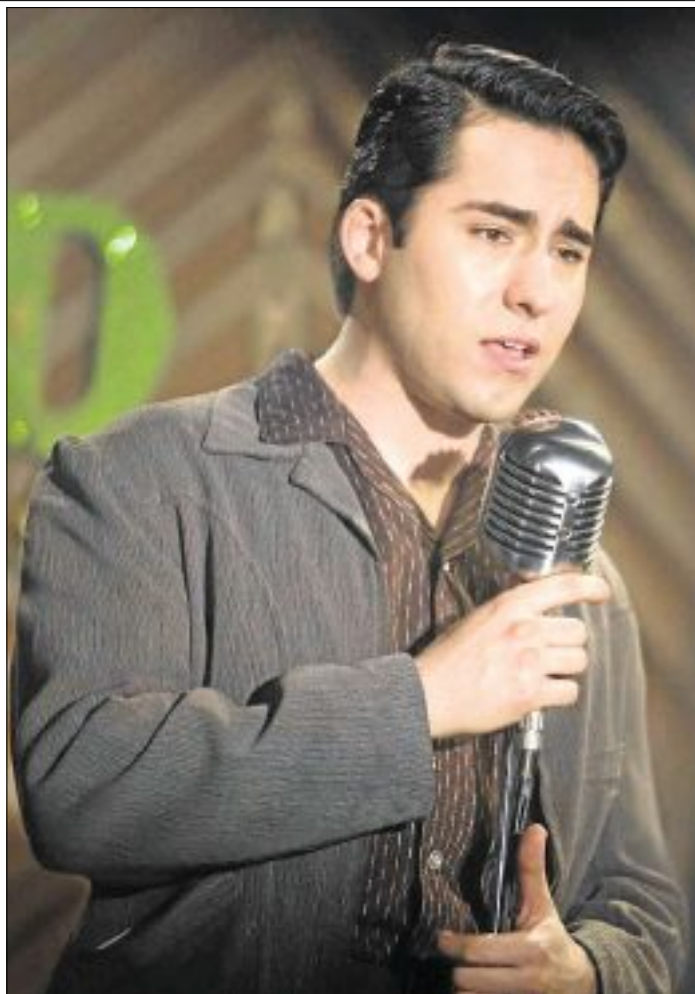
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Jersey Boys hits low note

Like the stage version, *Jersey Boys* focuses on four young men from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey, as Frankie Valli (John Lloyd Young), Tommy DeVito (Vincent Piazza), Nick Massi (Michael Lombardi) and Bob Gaudio (Erich Bergen) come together to form The Four Seasons.

Perhaps if I had walked into the cinema prepared for more of a drama than a musical, I may have walked out more fulfilled.

Running Time: 2hrs 10mins
Director: Clint Eastwood

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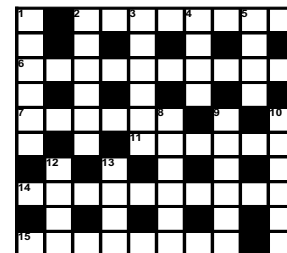
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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Hospital: Hospice, Nurse, Doctor, Dressing, Ward, Clinic, Sister, Theatre, Treat, Asylum, Sick, Ailment, Bed, Bandage, Stitch, Xray, Suture, Gurney, Drugs, Hospital



ACROSS	DOWN
2. Upbeat (8)	1. Border (6)
6. Showing (10)	2. With wadding (6)
7. Cabbage etc (6)	3. Short time (6)
11. Moisten (6)	4. Adds up (4)
14. Really keen (10)	5. Weather cock (4)
15. Pull back (8)	8. Standard car (6)
	9. Spatter (6)
	10. Cold symptom (6)
	12. Sham (4)
	13. Drug taker (4)

ACROSS: 1.Brim 4.Maze 8.Umpire 9.Pull
10.Parrot 13.Wattle 15.Fact 16.Liquid 18.Lute
19.Flex
DOWN: 2.Rip 3.Marrow 5.Adjust 6.Evil 7.Quip
11.Racket 12.Tariff 14.Ends 15.Foil 17.Use

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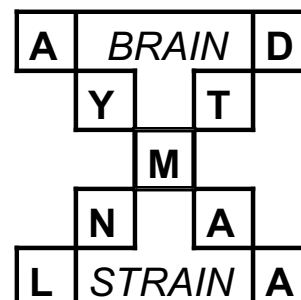
Amongst all the five letter words, can you find the five that appear in both grids? (Forwards, backwards, up, down, straight or diagonal)

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Use all the numbers and signs to make the star total. Do calculations in strict order from left to right with no brackets.

Last week: $8 - 2 \div 1 \times 7 + 3 = 45$

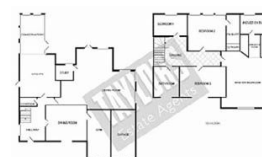


How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 16 Maestro: 26+



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“Taylors are favored with instructions to market this extended four bedroom detached home, set back from the road the property offers a generous plot, which is mirrored with generous living

accommodation. Features are numerous and include 24' living room, separate dining room, 'Amdega' conservatory, refitted kitchen/ breakfast room,

study and ground floor cloakroom. On the first floor there are four bedrooms and a family bathroom off the landing. Further benefits include two en suites, rear garden in excess of 100' x

47' and a graveled carriage driveway to the front providing off road parking for several cars and a double garage, one side of which is currently converted to a gymnasium.”

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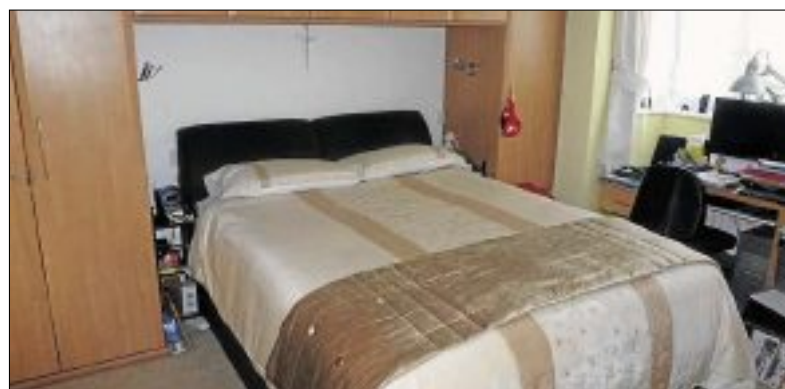


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JUNE 2014

New mortgage regulations fail to dampen Connells' mortgage activity

Two months after the Mortgage Market Review (MMR) came into force, local estate agency Connells is pleased to report it is helping an increasing number of customers with their mortgage arrangements when purchasing a property.

Indeed, as part of its national network of branches, Connells recorded a 5% increase in mortgage applications in May 2014 compared to the previous month. This comes despite the popular view that MMR would dampen the market and home buyers would face long queues to get an appointment with a mortgage consultant.

"We want prospective home buyers to know that we have mortgage appointments available right away so you can beat the queues," says Connells' Mortgage Services Consultant **Adam Warne**. "Not only this but we offer a broad selection of mortgage products from a panel of leading lenders so sitting down with a Connells mortgage consultant can be a more efficient use of time than say, approaching individual lenders directly."

Encouragingly, Connells figures in May also show a 6.3% increase in the number of first-time buyer mortgage applications as increasing numbers looked to take their first step onto the property ladder. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the number of

remortgages has also seen a hike in May, with Connells Mortgage Services Consultants recording an increase of almost one fifth (17.3%) from home owners wanting to secure good interest rates before the inevitable base rate rise.

"We are urging anyone who wants to review their mortgage options to come in for a discussion," **Adam** continues. "As the likelihood of a base rate rise increases week by week, we are seeing many homeowners looking to get onto a more favourable product before the market changes. I would urge anyone in this situation to come in for a chat."

If you have a property to sell and would like to book a free market appraisal with Connells, or if you are looking for mortgage advice, please contact the local branch on **01582 450999** or email: adam.warne@connells.co.uk



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£150,000

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Chaul End Road

£280,000



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Milverton Green

£350,000



4 Bedroom detached property located in Barton Hills. This property has been refurbished to a very high standard and briefly comprises of entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, utility room, upstairs, 4 generous bedrooms, master with en suite, refitted family bathroom. The property also benefits from off road parking for 2 cars, garage, and front and rear gardens. The property is located in a highly sought after location and an early sale is likely please call Connells now on 01582 450999 to arrange a viewing

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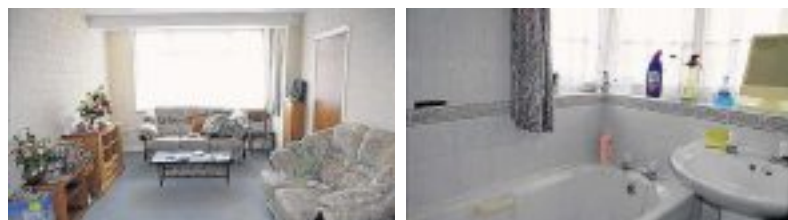
£235,000



This beautiful 3 bed semi is situated in the sought after area of Wigmore with spacious living room, looking out onto a beautifully well kept rear garden. Call Connells 01582 737 069 for a viewing.

ROUND GREEN

£220,000



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£235,000



Offering generous versatile accommodation throughout is this extended semi-detached bungalow with a large garden. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

VAUXHALL PARK

£179,995



Offered for sale with 'No Onward Chain' is this 3 bedroom terrace house with a good sized garden and off road parking.

STOPSLEY

£180,000



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£210,000



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Challney Catchment

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Lewsey Area

£135,000



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£154,995



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Sundon Park

£168,000



Offered with no upper chain this spacious family home is in need of work and briefly comprises hall, lounge, separate reception rooms, kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc, front driveway for two vehicles and rear garden. Energy rating D.

Bramingham

£204,995



A lovely three bedroom semi-detached family home with accommodation to include entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen and bathroom with separate wc, conservatory, three bedrooms, gardens, garage and parking. Energy rating TBC.

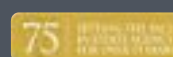
Leagrave

£210,000



Situated in the Icknield school catchment this semi detached property briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage and parking. Energy rating TBC.

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£1,800 PCM



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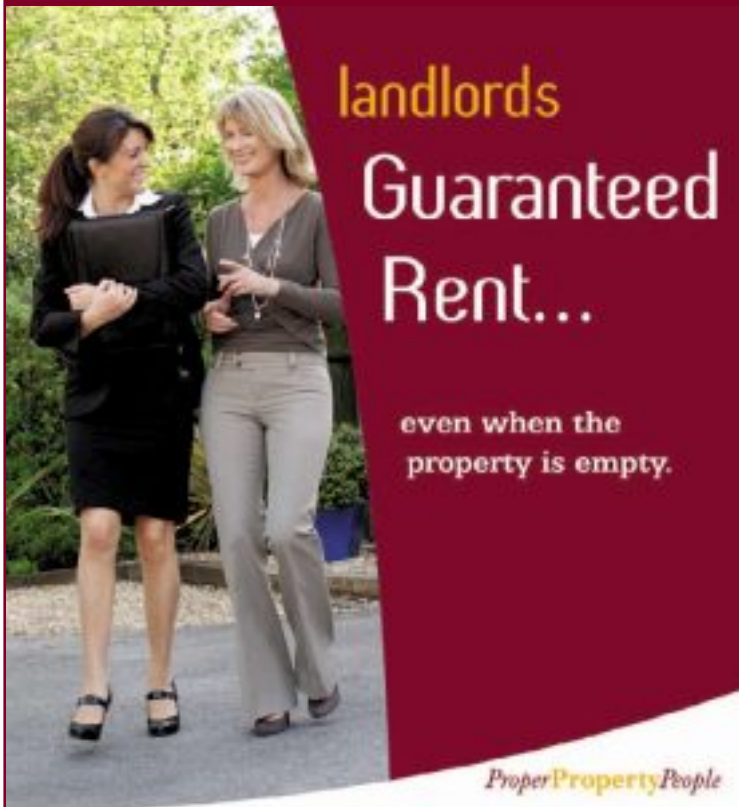
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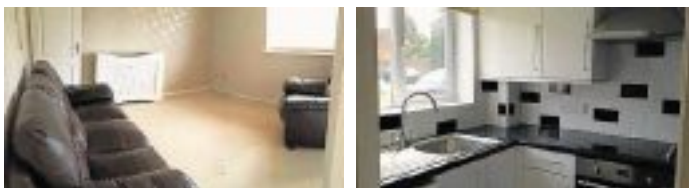
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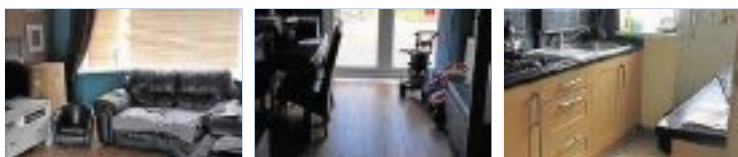


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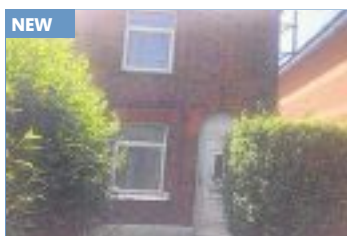
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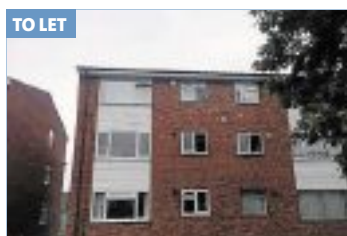


Old Bedford Road

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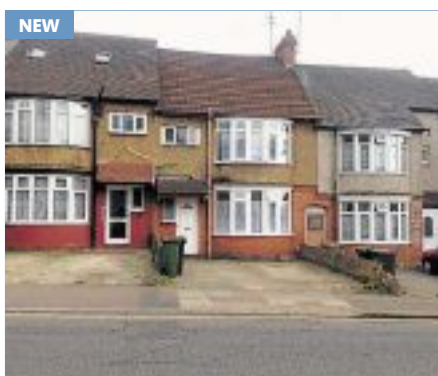


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£675

2 Bedrooms, fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom, lounge, double glazed, third floor, electric heating, fully furnished, Working professionals only

NEW



Montrose Avenue

£800

3 Bedrooms, fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom, double glazed, central heating, through lounge, large garden, drive way, part furnished

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Winsdon Road

£850

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Shelley Rd

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Lansdowne Road £595,000

- Arts & Crafts Property
- Six Bedrooms
- South Facing Garden
- Close to Local Amenities
- Viewing Recommended



EPC D



Cutenhoe Road £595,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Two Bedroom Self Contained Annexe
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Separate Living Rooms
- Off Road Parking for Multiple Vehicles



EPC F



Montrose Avenue £320,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden



EPC E



Tennyson Road £300,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- Garage



EPC F



St. Peters Road £135,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Close to Local Amenities



Dunmow Court £135,000

- Ground Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Communal Parking



Ashton Road £120,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Split level Masionette
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen & Lounge



Braithwaite Court £115,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Communal Entrance
- Garage In Block
- No Chain



Ryans Court £110,000

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Town Centre Location
- No Chain



Awaiting EPC



Springfield Road £105,000

- First Floor Maisonette
- One Bedroom
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Close to Local Amenities



Napier Road £85,000

- Converted Flat
- One Bedroom
- Town Centre Location
- No Chain

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Swan Mead £285,000

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking



Awaiting EPC



Bradley Road £215,000

- Extended Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway & Garage



NEW INSTRUCTION

EPC E



Halfmoon Lane £250,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory

EPC E



Dale Road £235,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory

Awaiting EPC



Clifton Road £200,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Chain Free

Help to Buy AVAILABLE

EPC E



Halleys Way £170,000

- Similar Properties Required
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Bathroom

SSTC

Awaiting EPC



Northfields £155,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking

Help to Buy AVAILABLE

EPC D



Mountview Avenue £155,000

- Similar Properties Required
- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory

Awaiting EPC



Luton Road £145,000

- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Close to Transport Links

Help to Buy AVAILABLE

EPC C



Manshead Court £132,500

- Upper Floor Apartment
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Balcony

Help to Buy AVAILABLE

EPC C



Church Street £95,000

- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Lounge
- Sought After Location

Help to Buy AVAILABLE

EPC C



Swanston Grange £90,000

- First Floor Flat with Balcony
- One Bedroom
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Residents Parking

Help to Buy AVAILABLE

EPC D



Bowmans Way £80,000

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Communal Gardens

EPC C



Skua Close £60,000

- Ground Floor Maisonette
- One Bedroom
- Front Garden
- Parking Spaces

NEW INSTRUCTION

EPC D

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- Three Bedrooms
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- Semi Detached Property
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- Garage
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Letchworth Road £145,000

- Two Bedrooms
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£400 pcm

Studio - Chapel Street

A range of self contained studio apartments situated in the town centre, within a 5 minute walk to the bus and train stations and easy access to the shopping centre & University. The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, fitted kitchenette, fitted shower room, fully furnished, laminate flooring and free use of washer dryer.

£375 pcm

1 Bed - Leeds House - George St - Town Centre

Modern 1 bedroom flat situated in the heart of the Town Centre. The property benefits from laminate flooring throughout, fully insured, gas central heating, double glazing, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances and washer/dryer, fitted bathroom with shower, lounge, use of communal roof garden.

£595 pcm

1 Bed - Mill Gardens - Mill St - Town Centre

Luxury modern 1 bedroom apartments situated within a 2 minute walk to Luton's main line train station and Arndale shopping centre. The apartments are fully furnished with laminate flooring throughout, double glazing, fully fitted kitchens with stainless steel oven, hob and extractor, fridge freezer and washer/dryer, fully tiled bathrooms with shower internal viewing strongly recommended.

£595 pcm

1 Bed - Hitchin Road

1 bedroom luxury flats, fully furnished, gas central heating, double glazed, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances and washer/dryer, laminate flooring throughout, fitted bathroom. Within a 5 minute walk to the bus and train stations, within easy access to the Town Centre and University.

£595 pcm

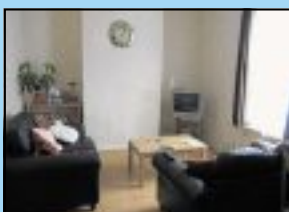
2 Bed - Mill Gardens - Mill St - Town Centre

A newly built 2 bedroom flat, fully furnished, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, stainless steel oven, hob and extractor washer/dryer, fully tiled fitted bathroom, double glazed, central heating, laminate flooring throughout, spacious bedrooms, town centre location, close to the train and bus stations, interval viewing recommended.

£780 pcm

3 bed - Albert Gardens

3 bed Luxury House situated approximately a 5 minute walk to the Town Centre & University, fully furnished, has central heating, double glazed, fitted bathroom with shower, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances and washer/dryer, laminate flooring throughout lounge, off road parking available. Internal viewing strongly recommended.

£1,275 pcm

4 Bed - Hastings Street

4 bedroom house, fully furnished, gas central heating, fitted kitchen with appliances, washing machine, lounge, laminate flooring, double glazed, fitted bathroom, close to Town Centre and University.

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Design Technology Technician

£12,765 - £13,551 p.a.

Vacancy ID: 101551

37 hours per week, term-time only

Required as soon as possible

The role of the Design Technology Technician is mainly to support the management and delivery of the Resistant Materials Systems and Control and Graphic Products curriculum. The daily responsibilities will include any of the following:

- the preparation of wood, plastic and metal using various large scale cutting equipment
- the general upkeep and maintenance of all equipment including the sharpening of tools to meet current health and safety requirements
- to maintain and replenish stock of materials and equipment including preparation of IT and reprographic resources
- support the teaching staff in preparing a safe, clean and pleasant learning environment
- supporting teachers and individual students within the classroom as appropriate

The Design Technology Department is hoping to attract a person who is reliable, self-motivated, flexible, able to use own initiative and work within a team. You do not necessarily need to be skilled in all areas above, but a willingness to learn and an open mind are important, as help and training will be provided.

Closing date: 10 July 2014.

Interview date: 18 July 2014.

CEIAG Manager

£20,214 - £22,404 p.a.

Vacancy ID: 101554

37 hours per week, term time only

Required for September 2014, a CEIAG Manager, who will be responsible for planning and organising all CEIAG activities across the curriculum for Years 7-11. If you have GCSE, or equivalent, English Language and Maths and a qualification, or equivalent experience in Careers & Guidance and have experience of working with youngsters of a high school age please contact Mrs S Bradley, PA to Headteacher for further details and an application form.

Closing date: 14 July 2014.

Interview date: 18 or 21 July 2014.

For further details on either role and an application form please contact Mrs S Bradley, PA to Headteacher at Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Warden Hill Road, Luton LU2 7AE, tel: 01582 597125 or email: cardinal.newman.admin@luton.gov.uk

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SUNDON PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Kinross Crescent, Luton LU3 3JU

Learning Support Assistant x 2

£11,494 - £12,544 p.a.

Vacancy ID: 101552

32.5 hours per week, term-time plus 5 training days

The Governors of Sundon Park Junior School are seeking to appoint 2 confident and motivated Learning Support Assistants to support children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs, on a Fixed Term contract whilst the children are attending our school. The contracts will be for 38 weeks per year plus 5 training days, 32.5 hours per week, commencing in September.

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For further details and an application form please visit our website www.sundonpark.luton.sch.uk

Closing date: 4 July 2014 at 12noon.

Interview date: 8 July 2014.

PUTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Putteridge Road, Luton LU2 8JH

Class Teacher

MPS / UPS

Vacancy ID: 101550

Required for September 2014 or January 2015, posts available in Upper KS1 and Lower KS2

- Are you passionate about children's learning and feel you can make a positive impact to their life chances?
- Are you a lifelong learner and equally passionate about your own professional development?
- Are you about to embark on the first steps of your career or looking for a new challenge?
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We are blessed with having children who want to learn, enjoy their time in school and are a delight.

Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged, please contact Sue Magee on

tel: 01582 728262 to make an appointment or

email: sue.magee@putteridgeprimaryschool.org.uk

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs

Closing date: 7 July 2014 at 12noon.

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20 Hours per week - Term time only

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Salary: £23,622-£26,957 per annum (£10,703-£12,214 pro rata).

Autism Awareness Trainer. PT approx 10 Hours per week

If you have a proven background in training, particularly autism awareness training then we would like to hear from you. We deliver three levels of autism awareness training across the county and are looking for another trainer to join our expanding team. Salary or costs per course can be negotiated.

These two posts can be combined for a full time post.

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Closing date: 12 Noon 11th July 2014. Interviews: 18th July.



Machine Operators

required to work in Henlow.

3 shift system: 6am - 2pm; 2pm - 10pm & 10pm - 6am on a 2 week rotation. Weekly hours 37.5

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sinclair@schlegel.com or send to Angela Sinclair, Schlegel UK (2006) Ltd, Unit 25 Henlow Industrial Estate, Henlow Beds SG16 6DS

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Quality Assurance Engineer required in Henlow

Job Role:

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- Undertake QA checks
- Produce sample inspection reports
- Dealing with customer quality issues
- Technical support for Design & Production
- Undertake & Document internal auditing

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To apply, please book a place at the Initial Assessment events being held at Bedford College during June/July via www.bedford.ac.uk/vauxhall

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Required for September, 2014

(Level 3 Point Range 15 - 21) • £16,215 - £19,317 pro rata

We wish to appoint a Curriculum Assistant from September, 2014 to work in the Humanities Faculty. The nature of the work is in three broad areas:

- Providing clerical and administrative support to the faculty
- Working in classrooms with students within the designated curriculum team
- Providing short-term absence cover for teachers where work has been set in advance or by the head of department.

We would welcome applications from those who have experience within schools and would like to progress to a post of greater responsibility. Any successful candidates could eventually work towards achieving qualified teacher status through the Graduate Training Programme that is run at the school. This post may also prove attractive to teachers who are planning to return to a post in education after a career break.

Please telephone Lou Ellis (Principal's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form; this information is also on our website www.redborne.com

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring check.

All offers of employment are "conditional" until Disclosure and Barring and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

Redborne is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing Date: Tuesday 8th July, 2014 at noon

Redborne is a successful school that achieves excellent examination results, with 97% of students gaining 5A* - C grades at GCSE (typically over 70% including Maths and English). 'A' Level results are also very good with 61% of passes at 'A*', 'A' or 'B' grades and an overall pass rate of 99%. About 80% of the Sixth Form go on to university and this year eight students have had Oxbridge offers. The school is well regarded and popular, situated in a very pleasant area of Central Bedfordshire, within easy reach of London. The school's most recent OFSTED report was excellent and we were graded as "outstanding". Redborne is also a National College Leadership Development School and a Leading Edge School.

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Teacher of Design and Technology - specialism in Food (MPS)
Required for September 2014

Rushden Community College is a very exciting place to be just now. We have a highly focused and clear vision "To be the best that we can be in all that we do." Both our Academy Sponsors, The Education Fellowship and Ofsted recognise us as a school that is making rapid progress in a dynamic way.

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Applicants will need to demonstrate the ability to accept new ideas and a thorough commitment to student learning. We want staff with the vision and determination to ensure all our students receive a first class education and who will rise to the challenge of building on success.

In return the successful candidate can expect:

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- Continuous professional development.
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You are welcome to visit the school and we would love to show you round. We will be giving potential candidates the opportunity to tour the school, view lessons and meet our students and staff. See our website for further details. Nursery facilities are also available on site.

To apply visit www.rushden.northants.sch.uk or contact us for an application pack. We look forward to hearing from you.

Deadline for applications is Monday 7th July 2014

Rushden Community College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment and undergo an enhanced DBS check as part of our Safer Recruitment & Selection Procedures.




Line Chefs

Post 1: Assistant Line Chef

£15,189 - £16,215 plus weekend enhancements
37 hours per week, permanent

Vacancy ID: 101558

Post 2: Casual Assistant Line Chef

£8.65 per hour (includes annual leave payment)

Vacancy ID: 101557

The Garden Café serves a locally sourced fresh, a la carte menu, located in Stockwood Discovery Centre, an exciting regional attraction with over 200,000 visitors a year.

As a Line Chef, you will report to the Head Chef and Restaurant Manager and play a major role in maintaining our high food quality standards. You will be responsible for the preparation and delivery of dishes, in a fast paced kitchen environment, to ensure food is delivered at a high standard and in a timely fashion.

Shifts are flexible, mostly between 9-5, Mon-Sun. However the occasional 'out of hours' shifts may arise, with prior notice.

Both posts above are located at Stockwood Discovery Centre, London Road, Luton LU1 4LX.

Visitor Services Assistant

£15,189 - £16,215 per annum pro rata
18.5 hours per week on rota basis

Vacancy ID: 101564

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Closing date on all posts: 6 July 2014

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actual salary per annum

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DESIGN TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN

35 hours per week term time only plus 5 INSET days
Salary: Level 2 pts 12 - 15 (£12,502 - £13,347)
actual salary per annum

Our DT department are currently seeking a technician to support the team. This is a rare opportunity for someone to join a highly successful team producing high quality student work. You will have a passion for design and making things. Being hands on and supporting in the classroom is a key part of this role. A driving licence is essential as you will need to drive the school mini bus, commuting students to different learning locations. Our high expectations are clearly seen in this department and you will role model these on a daily basis. Teaching and Learning is our core business so a passion for students to produce the best work possible leading to outstanding outcomes is essential.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN

37 hours per week full time
Salary: Level 4 pts 20 - 23 (£18,824 - £20,604)
actual salary annum (subject to review)

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Subject Matter	Building on a consultation process that began in 2012, the draft plan sets out the preferred vision, objectives and detailed policies to guide development across the town. The sustainability appraisal identifies the significant effects of the plan.
Area Covered	The borough of Luton.
Participation	Representations are sought on the breadth and depth of the vision, objectives and policies proposed by the draft plan. Comments are also sought on the sustainability appraisal of the plan. Responses to this stage of consultation will inform a further version of the plan that will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for formal examination. All representations must be received between 30 th June 2014 and 22 nd August 2014. All representations must be posted or Submitted electronically using the Contact details Provided below.
Contact Details	Website: www.luton.gov.uk/localplan Email: strategicplanningteam@luton.gov.uk Strategic Planning Luton Borough Council, Town Hall, Luton, LU1 2BQ Tel: (01582) 547087 The draft plan, sustainability appraisal and associated evidence are available on the website, at the town hall and public libraries listed below: • Luton Central • Bury Park • Leagrave • Lewsey • Marsh Farm • Stopsley

Public Notices

Luton Borough Council
THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.14) ORDER 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on 23rd June 2014 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation 27th June 2014 and cease operation after 24 hours or when the proposed event has finished. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the event to take place and it is anticipated that the event will finish over a period within the date described above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable the roads listed in the Schedule to be closed to facilitate the holding of the Pilton Hill Primary School Carnival Parade 2014 on Friday 27th June 2014 and enable the safe passage of highway users partaking in the event.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst the event is taking place and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Butely Road.	The whole length.
Hockwell Ring.	The whole length.
Ickley Close.	The whole length.

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
 Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.15) ORDER 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on 23rd June 2014 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on 16th February 2015 for a period of 18 months. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable demolition of The Purley Centre and associated redevelopment works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Purway Close.	The whole length.
The Moakes.	The whole length.
Vadis Close.	The whole length.

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
 Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ

DATED: 29th June 2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 & THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2011

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In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010, and Article 24(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011, notice is hereby given that the Council, in determining application No.12/01400/FUL has taken into consideration the environmental statement and environmental information (as defined by the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations) and that the main reasons and considerations on which the decision was based are set out below.

- The proposal is in general conformity with the Luton Local Plan 2001-2011 (saved policies), the Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 the relevant provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 and Aviation Policy Framework 2013.
- The Environmental Statement, the subsequent submitted further information to the Environmental Statement and their various technical assessments, together with the consultation responses received from statutory consultees, other stakeholders and parties and the Council's own technical consultants enabled the Council to determine this application with the knowledge that subject to the imposition of conditions or mitigation measures secured in the S106 agreement the likely significant environmental impact of the proposed development can be mitigated to an acceptable level.
- The information contained in the reports of the Development Control Manager to the Council's Development Control Committee.

A copy of the decision notice and the documents relating to the determination of the application are available for inspection at the Planning Enquiry Office at the Town Hall, Luton, during normal office hours and at www.eplan.luton.gov.uk.

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J A Barnell - Development Control Manager
 On behalf of Luton Borough Council
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Try-time: Luton have run of five home games

Luton want to hit ground running with five home ties

RUGBY UNION

BY TOM SHARP

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LUTON RFC's Director of Rugby Paul Allen believes a good start to the new season could prove vital to their promotion aspirations.

Due to ground-sharing Stockwood Park with fellow London North One side Woodford for the coming season, Allen's men have been handed five home encounters in their first six matches.

Luton, who finished fourth in the London division last year, begin their campaign at home to Romford and Gidea Park on September 6 and Allen is hopeful his side can hit the ground running.

"Our schedule helps us at the start," said Allen.

"We only have a trip to North Walsham to contend with before the middle of October which is good for us.

"I think the issues will come just before Christmas with four away games in six.

"It will be important we start well because that festive period will be a challenge."

Luton have two pre-season fixtures against National Two side Cambridge and National Three's Hertford, in preparation for the 2014/15 season.

Last season's beaten East Midlands Cup finalists have also added a specialist springtime coach in order to keep the team in peak condition.

"We will start pre-season on July 1 with pure fitness work, which the team will obviously be thrilled with," said Allen.

"In terms of looking ahead, we made the decision to bring in the spring coach to add extra training sessions to the season and hopefully keep us as fit as we can be.

"In this league, it has been an issue for many teams and I believe the top two or three win their matches in the final twenty minutes because physically they are more prepared than the rest.

"That is why we want to be more adept physically and push on in the important times of the season."

The Stockwood Park side have made three additions in utility backs David Duffus and National Two Otley's David Graham and Pakistan international Mohammed Bascher and Allen believes the season is shaping up quite nicely.

"I am happy with how things are progressing at present," said Allen.

"We have signed three good players and there are more signings in the pipeline in the near future.

"Potentially, we could have more new faces by the start of pre-season on Tuesday."

Golden Reynolds takes Box Cup win

BOXING

LUTON-BORN boxer Jordan Reynolds says he found his best-ever form inside the ring to win a gold medal in the welterweight division at last week's Haringey Box Cup.

The 18-year-old fought through three tough encounters against international boxers during the three-day event at Alexandra Palace, London to take the top prize.

Reynolds, the youngest boxer in his section of the competition, progressed via three unanimous decisions in his three-minute round fights on his way to winning the gold.

Having been drawn against and beaten 29-year-old Jamaican Norris Thompson in the first round, the West Ham ABC boxer breezed into a semi-final with Jordan Thompson before taking down Jonathan Francois in the final.

Reynolds felt his best boxing came in the semi-final against Jordan Thompson.

"Jordan was the hardest style to adapt to," said Reynolds.

"It was such a negative form of boxing that I thought could really upset me.

"As a southpaw fighter it was always going to be difficult but I think the way I picked him off showed my overall fitness and stamina.

"Top boxing journalists, Steve Bunce and John Denham, were asking 'who shall I look out for?' and people were saying my name so that is a great honour for me because they know the sport and they know a good fighter when they see one.

"A year ago I may have struggled in a situation like that but I have become a much smarter fighter in the last 12 months.

"Obviously, it was great to win in the final against Jonathan (Francois) but I think I boxed the best I ever have in that semi-final with Jordan."

Reynolds was at a disadvantage in the Francois final, with his Caribbean opponent having had a walkover in his semi-final but the young fighter dug deep to add another credible triumph on his already impressive CV.

"When I came into that final, I was aching and knackered," said the young fighter.



Luton-born Reynolds is a rising star inside the ropes down in London at the West Ham A.B.C. club

"I still managed to find something a little bit extra though.

"By the end of round two, he had run out of ideas and certainly did not know what to do.

"That played into my hands and I was able to take the unanimous decision."

The Luton man has had a productive 2014 having recently spent time under the watchful eye of trainer Freddie Roach at the world-famous Wild Card gym in Hollywood while preparing for Haringey and he believes the hard work has all been worth it.

"I had to lose a lot of weight for the Box Cup and people did not think I could do it," said

Reynolds.

"I personally think I am in the best shape of my life so I happy how things are going.

"Some people take the easy route and fight nobodys to gain recognition but I want to test myself to improve and become a better fighter."

"My next challenge is October's Senior Elite Championships, where I won the junior event last year but if I keep up my current form, I see no reason why I cannot win the senior event as well.

"It is an exciting time for me and I want to prove to everyone how good I really am."

Beds' Twenty20 misery

CRICKET

BY TOM SHARP

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BEDFORDSHIRE lost their first-ever Twenty20 cricket match against local rivals Hertfordshire by 18 runs at Flitwick Cricket Club.

The hosts won the toss and chose to field but were made to rue that decision as Edward Ballard and Joe Cooke put on a first-wicket stand of 110 runs.

Hertfordshire were eventually bowled out for 156, with Chris Esh taking four wickets, leaving Bedfordshire with a decent target to aim for off their 20 overs.

In response, the home side batted smartly as Andrew Reynoldson (47) and Shazbaz Hussain (37) kept their hopes alive.

However, Bedfordshire just fell short as they

were finished on 138 runs off their 20 overs.

MEANWHILE in the Bedfordshire County Cricket League Premier Division, Lutonian leapfrogged league leaders Ampthill Town after a 124-run victory at the Park Ground last Sunday.

Opener Hamid Riaz top-scored with 77, smashing two sixes and nine boundaries, while Naeem Khan (pictured) hit 66. Usman Farooq also chipped in with 36 runs off 22 balls, leaving the hosts on 267-9 inside 45 overs.

In response, Ampthill were seen off in just 34.3 overs as Lutonian raced to victory.

Joey Evans hit an unbeaten 40 while Nick Barden grabbed a knock of 38 runs.

Mohammed Irshad took three wickets for 43 runs for the visitors while fresh off a cool 77, Hamid Riaz stole two wickets for just one run to ensure a big win.



Beds' Andrew Reynoldson did well with the bat but his side fell short

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FOOTBALL

BY TOM SHARP

THE worst was confirmed for Luton Town supporters on Friday afternoon as hotshot striker Andre Gray completed his move to Championship side Brentford for an undisclosed fee.

Gray, who turned 23 last Thursday, was the Conference Premier top scorer last season, notching 30 goals in 44 appearances.

The pacey frontman had been attracting interest from various parties including fellow Championship side Blackpool but it seems a destination closer to home was more appealing to the England C squad player.

"Just want to thank everybody at Luton Town for the amazing times you gave me," said Gray on Twitter.

"Helped me fulfill a dream of playing at Wembley and gave me memories I'll never forget! Best moment of my life was

winning promotion with you but now felt like the right time."

Speaking after the conclusion of the deal, Brentford boss Mark Warburton was delighted with his purchase.

"Andre is a player we have tracked and who has just completed an outstanding season in helping Luton achieve promotion and a return to the Football League," Warburton told Brentford's official website.

"Andre has tremendous pace, good movement and a clear eye for goal."

"As a football department we look forward to welcoming Andre on board and have no doubts he will make a very positive impact at Championship level."

Gray's Griffin Park transfer coincides with last Wednesday's coup of Boston striker Ricky Miller arriving at Luton.

The 25-year-old netted 28 goals last season and was subsequently handed the 2013/14 Skrill Premier North Player of the Year award.

Consequently, manager John Still believes the forward has all

the attributes to take League Two by storm.

"Ricky is a terrific goal-getter who caught my eye last season," said Still.

"He has an intelligent footballing brain in front of goal and he is hungry which I always like in a player."

"The fact he was out of contract made it a lot easier for us to make him a Luton Town player."

Despite having captured Miller, Welling United striker Ross Lafayette and Lowestoft Town full-back Curtley Williams already in a busy summer for the Hatters, Still says Luton are in talks with further targets at present for the upcoming season.

The Skrill Premier champions have been heavily linked with Crawley Town midfielder Andy Drury amongst others and Still hopes there could be breakthroughs during the coming week.

"We obviously do not want to say too much at the moment while talks are ongoing with clubs because it would be unfair," said Still.

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